



WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT WE GATHER ON THE DAKOTA HOMELAND

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REFLECTIONS ON ORDINATION INTO THE PASTORATE

—Pastor David Larson-Martínez

The Way It Is

There's a thread you follow. It goes among things that change. But it doesn't change. People wonder about what you are pursuing. You have to explain about the thread. But it is hard for others to see. While you hold it you can't get lost. Tragedies happen; people get hurt or die; and you suffer and get old. Nothing you do can stop time's unfolding. You don't ever let go of the thread.

~ William Stafford ~



I was gifted Stafford's poem by a Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod leader upon sharing with him my many worries concerning ever being able to make it through the process to become a pastor. He is a quiet man with a full beard who, as an outsider looking in, was able to have my listening ear because I felt like I could open up to him. Wisely, he simply shared the poem's words. I thought he was crazy. Or

lazy, at best. I had opened deep parts of myself to him, and all he gave back was a poem. However, just like the dripping beads of baptismal water take their time over a life's journey to find their way back to their Source, the poem's words kept creeping back into my life when I needed them, and (I imagine) have not yet finished their work.

This past Saturday, 7 October 2023, I was ordained into the Ministry of Word and Sacrament – pastor – in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. As the day grew nearer, I began to wonder and rack my brain for the memory of when I had imagined this as a possibility for me. My mind kept returning to when I had doodled cartoons in church (sometimes *not* paying attention during a sermon can lead to something!) during my senior year in high school. It was 2010, and I had only recently begun attending a small Lutheran congregation on the edge of a Hoosier cornfield. I must have been bored (sorry Pastor Josh!) and began to doodle.

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TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

READINGS

Isaiah 25:1-9; Psalm 23;
Philippians 4:1-9; Matthew 22:1-14

ADULT FORUM

Holy Trinity Adult Forums feature in-person presentations beginning at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday. The presentations are also available via Zoom for those unable to attend in person. ID 858 5687 1594; Password 317879.

October 15 "Public Theology Project" Dr. Amy Levad

Amy Levad will be introducing her ethnographic study of Holy Trinity. She has already met with some members, but this will be a chance to spread the information to more of the congregation.

October 22 "Stewardship Breakfast"

Grab a breakfast taco in the Community Room and then join us at 10:15 a.m. in the sanctuary to celebrate God's work through the ministry of Holy Trinity. You will be invited to commit financial support for our ministry in 2024. This gathering takes the place of the adult forum today.

OLIVE OIL FROM THE MOUNT OF OLIVES

Bottles of fresh olive oil are available in two sizes: 250mL bottles for \$15 and 750 mL bottles for \$35. Purchases support the work of the Lutheran World Federation vocational training program and reduce student fees. Brought to you by the Palestine-Israel Working group. Contact the [office](#) to purchase.



~ Concerning People ~

We pray today for all those in need of God's tender care, especially those who face illness, sorrow, or hard times. We pray, especially **Joyce Peterson**, recovering from hip replacement surgery; **Arnie Johanson**; Katie Schroeder's mom **Diane**; **Cliff Brown**; **Mary Paavola**; **Dorothy Kelly**; and **Cori Gershon**.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15, 3:00-5:00 PM

A farm family from Cannon Falls will be in South Minneapolis Sunday, October 15, from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. selling pumpkins, ornamental corn, and popping corn (for below Minneapolis market rate). They'll stay for two hours or until they sell out. Find the truck at 3512 46th Ave. So, Minneapolis.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19—ENCORE! AT TURTLE BREAD

Encore! (the group for members 50 years of age and older) meets monthly at 8:00 a.m. at Turtle Bread (4205 E. 34th St). There is no agenda. Breakfast goes simply get to know one another. No sign up necessary. Talk to Pastor Ingrid if a scholarship would allow you to participate!

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19—SINGLES OUTING AT ARBEITER BREWING

Let's meet up at Arbeiter for drinks, board games, and chatting. If it's nice, we'll be on the patio. If it's not, we'll be inside. We'll plan to be there from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Hopefully there will be a food truck there, too!

SAVE THE DATE

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22 — MEA WEEKEND: NO GODLY PLAY, TRINITY VILLAGE, SUNDAY SCHOOL, OR CONFIRMATION

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22—STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY AND BREAKFAST TACOS

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28—OUCH! THAT HURTS! MOVING FROM MICRO-AGGRESSIONS TO MICRO-INCLUSIONS

Join facilitators David Scherer and Joe Davis from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. as we gather to work against anti-Blackness and white supremacy and build more skills in caring communications about race.

David and Joe will show us how to:

- Break down barriers when talking about race
- Recognize when we make micro-aggressive comments (intentionally or unintentionally) or act in ways that could feel like harm to others
- Practice micro-inclusive comments that keep us in relationship—even in the middle of conflict
- Improve our ability to communicate “gospel welcome” in our words and actions

David Scherer is a performer, teacher, author, and trained facilitator. He teaches intercultural competence at the graduate school level. Joe Davis is an artist, poet, educator, and trained facilitator. Joe was artist in residence at Luther Seminary and has a master's in theology. They are both outstanding presenters, empathic facilitators, and lots of fun (they rap!). Good coffee, tea, and tasty treats included!

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29—NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

We at Holy Trinity believe that community is integral to faith, which is why we invite interested persons to consider membership in this congregation. A new member orientation will be held on Sunday, October 29, from 12:00 to 1:30 p.m. in the library. Over a simple meal, those interested in membership will have the opportunity to learn more about one another and about Holy Trinity's mission and ministry. There are no prerequisites; all are welcome. Please speak with one of the pastors if you intend to come.

FRIDAY-SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3-4—ADULT RETREAT AT ST. JOHN'S ABBEY

Plan to join us in Collegeville, Minnesota, for an overnight retreat for adults of all ages. We'll have wonderful programming and opportunities to connect with one another and with the Benedictine community at St. John's. We'll also explore the campus, which includes the famous Breuer chapel, the pottery studio of Richard Bresnahan, and the illustrated St. John's Bible. We have individual rooms for 25 participants. Sign up in the Community Room by October 15.



NOMINATE A SPECIAL APPEAL FOR 2024

Each year, Holy Trinity identifies and authorizes special financial appeals for 2-3 organizations. Special appeals are characterized by being open ended (i.e., we give to the organization(s) what we receive), they are normally approved for just one year, and they are supported by a special appeal letter which is sent to all the giving households in the congregation.

The Financial Stewardship Committee and Church Council work together to select the organizations. They evaluate proposed organizations based on the organization's relationship to or history with Holy Trinity; the connection between the organization and the goals of Holy Trinity; and the donation's impact. They seek to achieve a balance between local and global giving.

If you have a 501(c)3 organization that you'd like to nominate, please contact one of the church's standing committees and ask for support of your nomination. By tradition, the World Hunger of the ELCA has been included as one of the causes designated for a special appeal and therefore does not need to be submitted by a standing committee. Nominations will be accepted until December 1, 2023. The congregation will be informed of the 2024 special appeals at our annual meeting in January.

Nominations—supported by a standing committee—may be emailed to Pastor Ingrid.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

HELP WELCOME NEW REFUGEE FAMILIES

For several years now, a small group of Holy Trinity folks has been partnering with the Minnesota Council of Churches to help newly arriving refugee families by showing up for a few hours to prepare their apartment. We do light cleaning, make beds, arrange furniture, and put away household items so that the apartment is ready and inviting when the family arrives later that day. Sometime we even leave fresh flowers or teddy bears for a special touch!

MCC has been told that the number of families arriving here in the coming year is expected to double. We would love to have a few more volunteers to join us! Might you be interested? The work happens late morning or early afternoon on weekdays. We always work in teams, have a little fun, and know that we are doing something to welcome our new neighbors. If you are interested, you'd be contacted by email the week before an opportunity comes up. If you are available, great! If not, there's always another time. No pressure. No particular skills needed. We have a small grant from Thrivent, so we have plenty of cleaning supplies. For more information, please contact Deb Sodt (dk sodt@gmail.com).

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26—PROPERTY WORK DAY

Our property needs a little extra TLC as the weather changes. Come and help us with raking and bagging, weeding, and trimming. We'll work from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. (and again on Saturday, November 5). Sign up in the Community Room.



VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE FROM NOV. 1-DEC. 31 IS LIVE

The worship participant schedule from November 1-December 31 is now live. This includes three Advent evening prayer services and the adjusted Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve schedules. Note that on Christmas Eve, Sunday morning services have been canceled. We will worship at 4:00 and 9:00 p.m. that day. On New Year's Eve, we will have one service only at 10:00 a.m. Please login to your Ministry Scheduler Pro account and sign up for worship services from November 1-December 31. Call the office if you have questions.

(Reflection on Ordination, cont. from pg. 1)

I started off with run-of-the-mill circles but then, at some point, began to draw the space around me. My pencil danced creating pews and a pulpit, and then a cartoon likeness of the pastor. As I drew, the likeness was more like me rather than him. I did not give it much thought, knowing that (being gay and undocumented) my chance of ever becoming a pastor and seeing myself in the pulpit and at the table was far-fetched. Until it was not.

On Sunday morning (following my ordination) after thirteen years of discernment, studies, and lots of growing up, I found myself behind the sacred table at which everyone is welcomed. At that moment, I realized that I had never presided at the table as pastor. Sure, I had been there for countless Sundays, but had never spoken the words. *Was I supposed to have practiced?! Oooops!* I looked over at Pastor Ingrid who smiled encouragingly, and I launched right into the song of the ancestors and angels. I hope that, if someone was doodling in their pew, they were able to imagine being up there in my stead at some point in the future. And I hope that that thread is woven for you, for me, for our community into a long line of threads that become a patchwork quilt woven by the Divine for the sake of Love. Because I am not yet sure I understand this thread, let alone articulate it. But I can say that I keep holding on to it and that I was able to see a glimpse of it while doodling in my pew—that that thread felt like a warm blanket when people surrounded me on Saturday for my ordination, and that now I hope to share that thread of hope for those in the pews.



WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS FOR SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2023

8:45 AM		11:00 AM
David Larson-Martínez	Preacher	David Larson-Martínez
Doug Mork	Presiding Minister	Doug Mork
Ann Schrooten	Cantor	Ann Schrooten
Tom Cahoy	Crucifer	
Julie and Tom Cahoy	Altar Guild	
Caren Hiatt	Assisting Minister	Stephanie Cole
Sue Roberts, Kris Christians, Sean Gosiewski	Communion	Kathy Hollander, Matt Floding
	Ushers	David Broberg, Chris Amundson, Jeff Olsen Biebighauser
Sue Roberts	Coffee Servers	Joy Nelson
Annie Hines, Jennifer Frenzel	Counters	
	Closer	Rod Johnson
	Video Operator	

PARISH EVENTS OCTOBER 15-21, 2023

Sunday, October 15	8:45 AM 10:00 AM 10:00AM 11:00 AM 2:00 PM	Worship Service of Holy Communion Adult Forum Children and Youth Education Worship Service of Holy Communion Swahili Service
Monday, October 16	6:30 PM	Adult Choir Rehearsal
Tuesday, October 17	11:00 AM 6:30 PM 7:00 PM	Worship Readings Discussion Executive Council Church Council
Wednesday, October 18	6:00 PM	Gloria Ringers
Thursday, October 19	8:00 AM 5:00-7:00 PM	Encore! at Turtle Bread Singles Outing at Arbeiter

LIVESTREAM LINKS FOR WORSHIP SERVICES

A [live-stream](#) of the 11:00 a.m. Sunday service is available online at 10:55 a.m. You can access recordings of previous worship services [here](#).

